

Inventory Number 173-5880-0

District: 173-5880-140

173-5880-015

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resurveyed: constituent properties
now numbered 173-5880-0165 through 0170

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES--COVER SHEET

Name of Property CAREY HOUSE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Location 501-503, 505, 507, 511-515, 517-525 East Douglas
(street and number)

Wichita
(city, town, or vicinity location)

(legal description)

Sedgwick
(county)

Owner of Property John Phillip Kassebaum and Mrs. Nancy Kassebaum
c/o Kassebaum and Johnson
125 North Market 111 North Market
(street and number)
Wichita, Kansas 67202 Wichita, Kansas 67202
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic
Sites Board of Review _____

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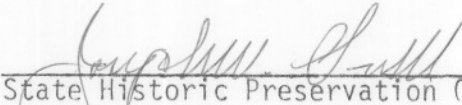
Description: The Carey House Historic District consists of seven buildings: 501-525 East Douglas in Wichita. These brick buildings, from the Carey House Hotel (NR) at the west end to the Lawrence Block at the east end, form a continuous series of generally early 20th century commercial building facades along the south side of East Douglas between St. Francis and Emporia streets. While the Carey House is five stories tall and a design based on the Second Empire Style, the rest of the buildings in the district are two or three story structures with detailing derived from the late 19th century traditions in commercial "palace" design--i.e., Beaux-Arts Classicism and the Romanesque Revival. Especially characteristic of this period's design tastes are the large round-arched openings of the upper stories, large rectangular openings without pronounced vertical proportions, keystones, lintels and stringcourses picked out with contrasting stone trim. Panelling of the wall plane is also characteristic. Notable alterations have been primarily confined to storefronts. Interior features such as woodwork have survived in most of the buildings although deterioration has occurred to many features such as walls and ceilings.

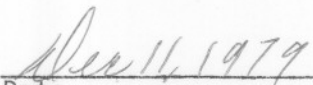
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Significance The Carey House Historic District is a designated Wichita landmark. The buildings were constructed primarily during the first decade of the 20th century, while the Carey House was first constructed in 1887 (though an addition was made in 1904 -- Lawrence Building, 1906; 509, 1903; others between 1900 and 1911 based on photographic evidence and research in city directories.) Historically, this assemblage of buildings, which is only a part of a larger district of buildings of similar vintage and character, evidences Wichita's commercial development along the East Douglas corridor in the early 20th century. The Carey House Hotel and the small businesses that occupied these buildings (trunk factory, other hotels, loan company, restaurants, tailor, barber, cigar store) were characteristic of the variety ~~and~~ in scale and type of commercial businesses that flourished side-by-side in Wichita at this time. The proximity of these properties to the railroad station no doubt was considered an economic advantage and probably helped to tug growth in this direction. Architecturally, these buildings evidence the design trends prevalent for small-scale commercial buildings in the early 20th century.

Form prepared by Julie A. Wortman date 12-7-79

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on 12.6.79
I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.


State Historic Preservation Officer

 Dec 11, 1979
Date